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The Bishop's Page

My dear People,

In various ways the discussions and decisions of Synod will come to your attention. Canon Nainby's editorial, and an article by Mr. H. L. Weir, in this number, tell part of the story. As President of Synod I presented my charge. In it I said something about the conversations with the United Church of Canada. It may be of some interest to you if I repeat, in brief, what I had to say on this matter.

The greatest value of the conversations is to be found in the fact that they actually took place. When representatives of our two communions can freely and frankly discuss their differences in a spirit of goodwill, and can reach a mutual understanding on highly controversial points it is a matter for genuine rejoicing. Let us conserve this gain by continuing such conversations at every level of Church life.

My own comments upon the report were confined to purely practical matters. The questions to which an answer must be given may be put in this way:

1. Is the motive sound?
2. Do the proposals solve the actual problem which confronts us?

My own answer to both questions is in the negative.

The motive is stated in the introduction to the report and is as follows: "The immediate and pressing motive is to be found in the manifest needs of Canada for the unifying of the Christian forces of our land, especially in the out-lying regions. Our knowledge of the present situation, in which 1,500,000 persons are lapsed from us, while at the same time we are squandering our resources of men and material in what is little better than competition with each other." I maintain that this is not a satisfactory motive, nor is it based upon a realistic interpretation of the facts. In support of this I advance the following considerations:

1. Not more than half of any community (whether out-lying or otherwise) is actually within the fellowship of any Christian Church, that is to say, half the people in the areas under consideration are un-churched (in predominantly Roman Catholic communities this would not be true). The really practical problem facing our two Churches is therefore the creation within us of such a missionary zeal and evangelistic fervour as will undertake the stupendous spiritual task of reaching these un-churched multitudes. This obviously involves the "squandering" of more men and material than ever in our history before. If our communions in the out-lying regions would take their eyes off each other and fix them upon the work which calls to be done, we should hear nothing of competition in any bad sense. God will bless us as we vie with each other for the evangelization of Canadian rural life.

2. Competition of the wrong kind does actually exist and is a source of much bitterness and prolonged

resentment. This form of competition arises from the fact that it is easier for one local congregation to strengthen its position at the expense of the other, that it is to do so by evangelizing the un-churched. This is rather a delicate ethical problem. I fail to see how it can be solved except by raising our ethical standards. Certainly we cannot properly solve it by removing one of the competitors in the person of the minister of either communion. The competing congregations would remain. Moreover it is precisely in small communities where denominational loyalties are most sensitive. The experiment of a mutually acceptable ministry is therefore to be tried in those areas where it has the least chance of success.

3. The proposals made by the committees will not solve the problem. As I understand the matter, the proposals would work out in practice somewhat like this: In a given area a United Church minister would receive Anglican Orders in the regular way. He would then minister to both congregations. For example, in the morning he would celebrate the Eucharist for our people and in the evening he would minister to the United Church congregation. That is to say, the unfortunate man would be in himself the battle ground for all the unsolved denominational conflicts in the community. Almost certainly such a ministry would not be acceptable to all people in both congregations and would result in the un-churching of some in each. This is simply to face the facts as we know them. I utterly fail to see how we can expect this one man to do what so urgently needs doing, namely, to evangelize the un-churched multitudes. To be sure his position might be a little more economically sound, but is it not therefore a counsel of despair. We virtually come together to keep each other and the parson a little warmer, in the coldness of this pagan world.

4. I cannot avoid the thought that some of our churchmen in both our communions are unconsciously influenced by the size, prestige, and power of a unifying of the Christian forces. Two-thirds of reformed Christendom in Canada (our two Churches together) would be an impressive body. If such a motive has consciously influenced any of us, then I maintain that our spiritual predicament is indeed tragic.

5. Both our Churches need to hear a call to renewal—a call to face our spiritual task with courage and faith. Considerations of economic expediency afford no real basis for spiritual unity.

Yours faithfully,

Walter Schumlin

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Editorial

Advance Literature

It is with no small degree of pleasure that we draw attention to the latest literature which has come from our Anglican Advance headquarters. Three books have come to hand during the past week, and we mention them in the hope that they will find their way into every Anglican home. The first is entitled "THE PARISH QUESTION BOX," and consists of more than two hundred questions which are constantly being asked by church people, together with a short but complete answer to each question. These questions are conveniently arranged under subject headings and will be studied with much interest by all who obtain this excellent booklet. Other chapters deal with the differences between Anglicans and Romans, between Anglicans and the Reformed Churches, and also the Anglican position in regard to the sects and cults which abound in our day, particularly Christian Science, Russelism, or Jehovah's Witnesses, Spiritualism, and British Israelism. With this issue of THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN we hope to commence an Anglican Question Box, and from time to time we hope to make use of material from this booklet. It fills a distinct need in our

Church, and we predict it will be eagerly bought by all who have the opportunity of doing so.

The second book is known as "AN ANGLICAN IDEAL OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP." A great many Anglicans have only a vague understanding of their Church membership, and some are prone to treat Church affiliation as an accident of birth. One is born into a family with a particular Church membership, and so one naturally keeps up the family tradition. This attitude has had some rude jolts and is no longer observed so strictly, but it remains nonetheless true that many of us know all too little about our Anglican heritage. To quote from the Introduction: "In these chapters we seek to call forth and strengthen the loyalties of our Anglican people. We lay before them what the Church should mean to them, and what they should mean to the Church. Instead of drifting in the current shallow-mindedness, we invite them to a sure anchorage within the family life of the Church. We do not desire to belittle the other Churches. Indeed, we are happy that their members should cling to their Churches with a loyalty and understanding comparable to that which we ask of our people. Let us not confuse loyalty to our own Church with prejudice directed against other Churches. One of the chief needs of the Reformed Churches is this firm spirit of loyalty. Our members need to know why they are Anglicans and what this allegiance involves. They need to be called, with a certain trumpet, to a life of faith, gladness, brotherhood and self-sacrifice. Such a note sounds through the pages of this booklet."

The third book which will also meet with an enthusiastic response is "OUR HERITAGE IN THE PRAYER BOOK." As its name suggests, it is an attempt to help us appreciate more fully all the beauty and wonder of "the greatest treasury of worship and devotion in all Christendom, the Book of Common Prayer." The opening chapter, "A Manual of Public Worship," is from the pen of our Bishop. Other chapters deal with the Prayer Book as a "Companion For Private Devotion;" "A Mirror of Holy Scripture;" "A Guide to the Sacramental Life;" "A Handbook of Christian Teaching;" "A Guardian of the Church's Ministry," and "A Key to Personal Religion."

These three books will shortly be available in quantity so that every parish will be able to obtain an adequate supply. The price of each book is 25 cents. We would suggest every family should possess all three, and we hope that every organization of our Church will see that every member receives them. We might add that the books should solve the ever present need for stimulating, informative and inspirational readings at our meetings.

The Seventeenth Synod

The Seventeenth Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton, held during the first week of February, was one of the happiest Synods we have attended. There was an excellent attendance, and the bitterly cold

weather changed to a delightful mild spell on the eve of the Synod's opening. It was evident that parishes everywhere had been heartened by the recent success of the Advance Appeal, and there was a general spirit of optimism. Elsewhere in this issue Mr. H. L. Weir has written an appreciation of the Synod.

Two resolutions which received the unanimous support of the Synod deserve special mention here.

One was introduced by the Dean, and concerned the future progress of our Anglican Advance. The great task of our Church is to make contact with those who have drifted from the Church family, and invite them home again. This is an enormous task, and one that can only be done adequately by a large number of interested and consecrated Church people. The average parish priest is already carrying far too big a load and is at work seven days in the week, and it is physically impossible for him to make the number of visits he would like to make. It is here that our laymen and laywomen can render their greatest service, and there are many instances where people have responded to invitations from laymen much more readily than they would have done to a similar appeal from the clergy. It was pointed out at the Synod that the best advertisement for movie-house attendance was for one friend to tell another that the show was a good one.

What we need in the Church is for our people generally to go and tell their friends that the Service of Worship is something they can't afford to miss; to praise the sermon, the choir, the anthem and the hymn singing, and let the whole world know that the Service of Worship is filled with inspiration and encouragement, and everyone should attend. The best appeal—far better than letters and magazines—is the personal appeal of friend to friend. The Synod pledged its support to the programme of issuing that invitation to every Anglican during the ensuing year. The present season of Lent—now—is the best possible time to implement this pledge.

Another matter which met with unanimous support was introduced by Canon Hatfield, and was the result of his work last summer as Supervisor of the Children's Camps at Kapasiwin. He spoke of the need for more permanent development in our summer camp, and the need for advancing beyond the pioneer stage at Camp Kapasiwin.

The camp as it is at present represents the devoted labours of a number who saw the need for a Diocesan camp-site to provide for summer youth work. A hall was built and has been in constant summer use, but it has never been finished, much less attractively painted. Dormitories were erected, and the boys' dormitory enlarged and extended, but the same absence of conveniences and paint is evident. Two years ago we rejoiced that the services could be held in the chapel, "come rain come mosquitoes," but it was soon apparent that the chapel would be of far greater value and service if in addition to the screens there could be windows to keep out cold breezes from the lake on wet days. The kitchen staff have worked cheerfully and effectively with, first one and then two,

old stoves and an inadequate supply of coal and firewood. The well has never been satisfactory, and drinking water has to be carried considerable distances. In the mood of holidays these "extras" are all carried out with cheerfulness and tolerance, but those who have the responsibility for organizing the camps realize how unnecessary many of these inconveniences are, and they pray for the day when Kapasiwin will possess such buildings and conveniences as will make the work of a camp supervisor more of a holiday and less of an ordeal. The Synod authorized the raising of \$2,000 for this purpose, and charged the Diocesan Board of Religious Education with the responsibility of organizing the appeal and making the necessary improvements.

Front Cover

The problem of finding a suitable picture for the front cover of THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN is one which exercises our imagination each month, especially as we consider the matter of expense. Last month's cover picture appeared in the Jubilee Diocesan Annual of 1939, and we printed it for its historical associations. It is with much pleasure that we record that five of those who were present at the first Synod of the Diocese in 1913 were present at the 17th Synod in 1947, whilst others are still present and active in the work of the Church throughout the Diocese. Those present at Synod were the Ven. Archdeacon W. Leversedge, the Chancellor, the Hon. Mr. Justice Ford; Mr. C. Brumfit, of Gibbons; Mr. H. T. S. Parlee, of St. Faith's, and Mr. F. Swallow, of St. Stephen's. We congratulate these gentlemen on their splendid record of years of service.

CALENDAR

MARCH, 1947

March:

2nd—2nd SUNDAY IN LENT.

9th—3rd SUNDAY IN LENT.

16th—4th SUNDAY IN LENT.

23rd—5th SUNDAY IN LENT.
PASSION SUNDAY.

25th—Annunciation of B.V. Mary.

30th—6th SUNDAY IN LENT.
PALM SUNDAY.



DIOCESAN NEWS



APPORTIONMENT RETURNS MOST GRATIFYING

A letter from the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, chairman of the Budget Committee of General Synod, tells of the excellent response which the Church is making in respect to Apportionments.

For the sixth consecutive year the total has been overpaid. For the third successive year every Diocese has paid in full or over on all items. For the second successive year—and here is the secret of success—Apportionments were overpaid every quarter.

The fact that this magnificent result was achieved in the Anglican Advance Appeal year should make us particularly proud and thankful. It really looks as though our Apportionment system, which represents our very life-blood financially, is sound and stable and sure.

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BIBLE QUIZ

1. In how many "days" were the world and all that is in it created?
2. To what mountain did Moses lead the people of Israel?
3. Whom did Jesus see under a fig tree, who later became His disciple?
4. During the 6th century, B.C., the city and Temple of Jerusalem were practically destroyed. What two men were the leaders in their rebuilding?
5. Who was found by his parents, in the Temple at Jerusalem, among the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions?
6. What woman was one of the "Judges" of Israel?
7. At whose grave did Jesus weep?
8. Of what empire was Paul a citizen?
9. With whom did David form a lasting friendship?
10. Who was the forerunner of Jesus?

(Answers found on page 26)

A man's real limitations are not the things he wants to do, but cannot. They are the things he ought to do, but does not.

APPOINTED CANON



THE REV. A. WALLIS

The Rev. A. Wallis, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Camrose, who was appointed Canon by the Bishop at the recent Synod.

ANGLICAN TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Dramatic Night: The sixth annual Dramatic Night will be held in All Saints' Hall on Friday, March 14th, commencing at 8 p.m., when nine Sunday Schools will combine to show "The Marks of a Christian." It is hoped that all parents, teachers and pupils will support this event.

Meetings: For the March and April meetings the experiment is being tried of having supper at the "Y" at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting in the committee room of the Synod office at 6.45 p.m., and then the class which should end by 8.15 p.m. By this means it is hoped that more teachers will be able to attend; the study class on the Old Testament is open to all church people. Plans for the May meeting include a supper prepared by St. John's W.A., followed by an address by the Bishop; so please keep May 6th free and decide to come to St. John's.

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Lay: T. F. Swallow, H. L. Weir, F. S. Rowsell and R. P. Lefroy.

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Lay: T. W. Bull, Mr. Justice Ford, D. W. F. Richardson and R. T. Williams.

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The 17th Synod of the Diocese

By HAROLD L. WEIR

The Seventeenth Synod will go down in the ecclesiastical history of Edmonton as a good synod, not so much for the extent of its legislation, as for the quality and progressiveness of that legislation.

I use the term "progressive" in its exact rather than its current meaning. The Seventeenth Synod was progressive because its mind and its purposes were obviously set more on the spiritual advance of the Church than on the mere maintenance of the status quo. Thus, it devoted its energies less to problems of administration than to the enunciation of broader policies essential to a great movement forward.

I do not think there is any doubt that the reality of this advance was somewhere in the consciousness of every member—clerical and lay. In this respect, the spirit of the Seventeenth Diocesan Synod was similar to the spirit of the General Synod in Winnipeg last autumn. There was an unmistakable feeling that potent forces were stirring in the Church and that the application of human enterprise and goodwill and faith to the opportunity this offered would show tangible results in Christian life and works.

In brief, the devotional aspect of Church membership was strongly marked in every Synod session. And the members earnestly and solemnly accepted their responsibilities with regard to the concrete operations of the Anglican Advance which are now moving into fruition with the Spiritual Advance.

In this connection, the Synod pledged itself to endeavor to see that every Anglican in the Diocese, not at present active as such, be persuaded to attend Church in 1947. This effort was accepted primarily as a lay responsibility.

This movement to get lapsed Anglicans and others back into regular Church attendance stemmed from the emphasis placed by the Bishop in his charge on the fact that the Church's foremost task is the administration of our Lord's Sacraments and that to bring non-churchgoers into contact with those Sacraments is the first step towards their reclamation as churchmen and the first and essential step in Spiritual Advance.

The Bishop's Charge set a high keynote for the Synod. His temperate and impartial discussion of the steps that have been taken by the General Synod towards

Church reunion aroused, perhaps, most interest among the members. His Lordship criticized what he was disposed to regard as the somewhat low motives for reunion as revealed in the reports. He stated his belief that reunion should not be approached as an economic problem or one designed to save money for the proposed participants. If there was any value in reunion, it would have to be a spiritual value. Meanwhile, he pointed out, the Reformed Catholic tradition of the Church of England in Canada could be reconciled with difficulty with the Protestant tradition of the United Church.

He emphasized the fact that no steps whatsoever had been taken towards corporate reunion, that the reports of the commission which has been carrying on conversations with the United Church were submitted for study only. No steps would be taken towards corporate reunion, he pointed out, without the full knowledge and approbation of the Church arising from the parochial level.

The Church had been asked to study the reunion proposals over the next three years. This study, he said, must be carried on, not only by officers of General Synod, but in every parish.

This point of view was later implemented by a resolution establishing a committee to promote reunion study throughout the parishes of the Diocese.

One innovation in the Seventeenth Synod was the appointment of an elections officer to have full charge of the election of committees and delegations. Hitherto, no one person has been responsible for the processes of voting and the care of marked ballots. The officer appointed carried out his duties with competence and the elections were concluded without confusion or delay.

A new parochial functionary was created to assist each parish in financial matters. A resolution made it obligatory upon each parish to appoint a financial officer to advise the incumbent and wardens and vestry in financial affairs and to become the nucleus and head of any committee appointed in any parish to raise money for any purpose. This officer will be appointed by the rector or vicar and must be approved by a congregational meeting. He will be an ex-officio member of the vestry.

The creation of this new parochial office, it was felt, would relieve the parish priest of many financial responsibilities and would maintain a perpetual organization for financial drives.

A resolution was passed providing for the appointment of a committee to combat anti-religious propaganda in general and anti-Anglican propaganda in particular. This resolution followed the attitude of the General Synod in the feeling that Challenges to the Christian Faith, as formulated in the doctrine of the Anglican Church, should not go unanswered. This was peculiarly necessary, it was felt, in the face of unusual activity on the part of those engaged in promoting fanatic and unorthodox doctrines throughout the country, doctrines that frequently attack the most fundamental tenets of the Faith.

This tendency towards a more militant Christianity found further expression in a resolution providing for the establishment of Christian study groups throughout the Diocese to investigate the frequent divergence of economic and social evolution from Christian lines.

This resolution, warmly supported, was based on the conviction that both society and civilization were headed for disaster unless they adhered more closely to the Christian principle in all their operations.

These study groups, as I understand it, will meet to discuss social and economic problems and their solution in the light of the precepts laid down in the Christian Faith.

A resolution was passed relating to old age pensions. It was urged that the pension be made available to women at 60 and to men at 65, and that the amount be increased to an adequate sum. This resolution was forwarded to the secretary of the Council for Social Services.

It was further resolved that the pensionable age of clergy should be reduced to 65, so that men who had long years of service to their credit could seek retirement before the age of 70 without having to plead ill-health.

Authority was given to the executive committee to make certain changes in the investments of the Diocese. At the same time the Executive Committee was instructed to consider the re-setting up of the Diocesan capital funds.

The sum of \$2,000 is to be found for the repair and improvement of the Diocesan camp at Kapasiwin.

It was reported to the Synod that the business affairs of THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN are being brought slowly

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"MIND THE LIGHT"

A Lenten Sermon by the THE REV. E. N. P. ORME, M.B.E., L.Th.

On one of the reefs in New York harbor stands a lighthouse. For many years it was tended by a widow, a Mrs. Katie Walker. Several years ago she told her story to a reporter, and he in turn gave it to the world. She related that she was living at Sandy Hook when she first met her husband. He took her to that lighthouse as his bride. She enjoyed living there, for the light was on land, and they could have a garden and raise flowers. Then one day the Government transferred them to the light on Robbins reef which was surrounded by water. She recalled how she had said to her husband, after moving to Robbins reef, "I can't stay here. The sight of water everywhere I look makes me too lonesome." She said she had refused to unpack her trunks. But somehow they got unpacked, and she had lived there ever since. That was almost forty years ago. Her husband had caught a heavy cold while tending the light. It turned into pneumonia, and they had taken him to an infirmary on Staten Island, while she had stayed and watched the light in his place. A few nights later, while she was sitting there tending the lamp, she saw a boat coming. Something told her the news it was bringing. A voice came up out of the dark, "We're sorry, but your husband's worse." "You mean, he's dead," she answered. And they made no reply. They buried him on the mainland, and every morning when the sun came up she stood at the port-hole and looked towards his grave. Sometimes the hills were brown, sometimes they were green, sometimes they were white with snow. But always they brought a message from him. Something she had heard him say more often than anything else. Just three words: "Mind the light."

To some of us who are weary and restless with the everlasting routine of our jobs, life is saying: "Mind the Light." Our Lord spoke one day of salt that had lost its savour. The best things in life leave us that way, unannounced and unnoticed. The salt looks the same as it did yesterday. But something has gone from it. It doesn't taste the same. It has lost its tang. In just the same way our ideals slip away from us, unless they are constantly renewed. Once, as little children, we were very sure of God. Wordsworth was right in saying, "Heaven lies about us in our infancy." It isn't that we came to

a day when we decided we no longer believed in God. We didn't decide that we could no longer pray. We just grew careless. We forgot to "Mind the Light." We thought that our faith was so sure, that it would last forever without replenishment. Then came an emergency when we wanted to pray and couldn't, when we needed faith, and found that God seemed afar off. Darwin tells us, that after years of complete absorption in scientific study, he lost the power to read poetry and enjoy music. By sheer neglect his artistic sense left him. How many people have lost their hold on God in just the same way. They never decided they could no longer believe. On the contrary, they thought they did believe. But they forgot to "Mind the Light." They neglected to replenish their spiritual supplies. We can't live on the breath we drew yesterday. Neither can we in the faith of religion, except as it is renewed day by day. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Every good thing in life needs renewal. You cannot know our Lord for once and for all. You must grow in His acquaintance with the deepening affection for a Friend. That is what St. Paul means when he says, "I die daily." In a moment of revelation he had met the Christ on the Damascus road. But that one bright vision could not last for ever. Every day the fight against his old pagan self had to go on. Every day he had to re-dedicate himself to Christ.

Here then, is the meaning of the Lenten period, particularly this Lent of 1947, as the whole Church stirs within herself as she struggles to take advantage of the mighty Spiritual Advance. Lent is not, as some people seem to suppose, a dreary season of self-imposed petty inconveniences. It is a time of renewal and re-consecration. Joining with nature in bursting forth from the frozen deadness of the winter, to the lengthening days, the stronger sunlight and the life returning to trees and plants. A joyous awakening, culminating with a final yawn and happy stretch on Easter Day. It is a special period, in which the Church says to us: "Mind the Light." If we have been careless in our church attendance at public worship, we are invited to renew our loyalty. To be more regular in partaking of the Sacrament. More conscientious in

our private devotions, and more Christian in our daily dealings with other people. If, in the traffic of the years, our faith has grown dim, we are given the opportunity to replenish our spiritual reserves. There is no magic by which forty days can make us better people, without any effort on our part. But to those who, conscious of spiritual need, are willing to undertake the discipline of a well kept Lent, there is peace and power, and the inner joy of those who have walked in holy places, renewed their faith in God and His goodness, bringing with it a sense of triumph on Easter Day akin to the triumph of our Lord.

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into order by the new business manager and that the new subscription rate, if subscriptions are promptly remitted will, with increased advertising, eventually make the publication self-supporting.

These, with a series of interesting reports from those engaged in all branches of the Church's activity, were the highlights of Synod as I see them.

There was another feature, however, that should not be forgotten. Dr. Charlotte Whitton, now engaged in making a survey of child welfare problems in Alberta for the I.O.D.E., addressed Synod at the invitation of the Bishop, on the steps being taken to draw into the Church's work all those Anglican women not now attached to any Church organization. It was pointed out that there are thousands of such women who are performing useful duties for the Church, or who are capable of performing such duties, who could very well be organized in some form to make their efforts more effective. Dr. Whitton's address was given in connection with the Spiritual Advance.

I began this brief report by saying that the Seventeenth Synod was a good synod. I should like to close by reiterating it.

The members involved themselves in no lengthy flights of oratory and little prolonged debate. Unlike the General Synod, there was no undue wordiness. But the members were not inarticulate by any means. What they had to say they said succinctly and well. And their decisions on vital matters were made with precision and intelligence and promptness.

The Seventeenth Synod, as I saw it, seemed to be filled with a consciousness of high purpose and an awareness of great opportunity. It was, in many respects, a moving witness to the very real life and power in the Church of our Lord.



Woman's Auxiliary



Important Decesion Taken at Annual Meeting

As a direct outcome of the Bishop's Challenge to all members of the Woman's Auxiliary, the following resolution was unanimously endorsed:

"That this Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary, assembled in annual session and representing 72 Senior branches, heartily accepts the challenge of the Bishop of the Diocese, to share in the work of the Spiritual Advance, and urges each parochial branch to confer immediately with the clergyman in charge and offer to co-operate fully in the plan laid down."

New Branches

Church of the Good Shepherd, Calder' Evening W.A., Senior.
Ponoka, Evening W.A., Senior.
Sedgewick, Girls' Auxiliary.
Mannville, Girls' Auxiliary.

Miss Arva Stewart is in the Diocese for February and March and is intending to visit, as far as possible, all youth organizations under the W.A. in the Diocese.

New Life Members

Mrs. M. Rock, St. Peter's; Mrs. Molloy and Mrs. Earley, Holy Trinity; Mrs. A. Nicholls, St. Paul's—all of Edmonton; Mrs. K. Gibbons and Mrs. Brumfit, Emmanuel, Gibbons; Mrs. P. Tucker and Mrs. W. Jellis, St. Catherine's, Edson.

Life Members' Offering

Four Bursaries at \$35 each	\$ 40.00
Sisters of St. John the Divine	50.00
30th Anniversary Fund	50.00
Prizes for Juniors	5.00
Church Bible and Prayer Book Society	15.00
Balance to Divinity Students' Fund	13.75
	<hr/> \$173.75

Diocesan Thankoffering and E.C.D.

30th Anniversary Fund	\$300.00
Balance to Divinity Students' Fund	107.03
	<hr/> \$407.03

Little Helpers' Offering

(This is in excess of the \$200 given to the General Pledge.)

India and China Relief	\$ 10.00
Sunday School by Post	50.00
	<hr/> \$ 60.00

Gifts

A gift of \$75.00 was received from a Life Member, to be added to the principal of the Rectory Loan Fund.

A gift of a \$100 Bond, in memory of Margaret Clough, was made by her husband, the Reverend Canon C. F. A. Clough. The yearly interest of this bond is designated for use of a Prayer and Hymn Book, or a suitable book for the outstanding Junior in the Diocese.

The W.A. Board is deeply grateful for these gifts.

An Answer to an Appeal

In a recent issue we copied an appeal from "The Living Message," from Miss Grace Gibberd, for a concertina for use in her missionary work. Readers will be pleased to know the appeal was answered by the gift of a concertina from Mrs. Hill of High Prairie, the daughter of Mrs. W. H. White, a Life Member.

Miss Gibberd in her letter says, "It certainly was a pleasant surprise to hear news of a concertina. I had decided that all my advertising in our three Church papers was of no avail. How very kind of my Edmonton friends to think of republishing in "The Edmonton Churchman." And that did the trick! Thank you so much!

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I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church

By THE REV. F. A. PEAKE, L.Th., M.R.S.L.

XIV—Henry II and Thomas a Becket

Probably everyone remembers the impetuous words of King Henry II, "Will no one rid me of this low-born priest?"—which led to the sacrilegious murder of Archbishop Thomas a Becket on the altar steps of his own cathedral. The scene and the events immediately preceding it have been vividly portrayed by T. S. Eliot in his inimitable play, "Murder in the Cathedral." Leading up to the murder, however, there was a long, strange story: the story of two young men who having been inseparable friends became implacable enemies.

Thomas, the son of Gilbert a Becket, a wealthy merchant of London, was sent abroad to the Italian university of Bologna and there thoroughly educated in science and law. He returned not only with a store of academic knowledge but fully equipped with all the courtly airs and graces. Shortly after his return he met Theobald, Archbishop of Canterbury, and by him was appointed Archdeacon of Canterbury, even though at the time he was only in deacon's orders. When Henry II became King in 1154 he made an intimate friend of Becket who was about his own age, and before long made him Chancellor. The two young men had, in Theobald's words, "but one heart and mind" and there are stories which tell how after feasting they would leap over the tables and career about like a couple of schoolboys.

As Chancellor Becket indulged in great luxury both of dress and food in a way quite unlike that of his royal master. There is a story told that the two friends were riding, one winter day, through the streets of London. Becket was, as always, richly clad with a magnificent fur-lined scarlet cloak, hanging upon his shoulders. The two warmly dressed men on their fine horses passed a thinly clad beggar. The King, ever observant, was struck by the contrast between the miserable, hungry man and the splendid Chancellor at his side. Turning to his friend he said, "Thou canst do a great act of charity, thou canst clothe the naked." Becket, who would have had no objection to giving an alms, merely smiled; but the king partly perhaps as a practical joke and

partly perhaps from better motives pulled at the Chancellor's cloak and, as Becket tried to hold it, snatched it from him, and gave it to the beggar. As they spurred their horses the King laughed long and loud at the Chancellor's disgusted face.

In 1161 Theobald, the Archbishop, died and King Henry forced on the monks of Canterbury, and on Thomas himself, his election as Archbishop. At the first intimation of the King's purpose Becket had pointed with a laugh to his gay attire—"You are choosing a fine dress figure at the head of your Canterbury monks." The King insisted and Becket foretold their future opposition: "You will soon hate me as much as you love me now, for you assume an authority in the affairs of the Church to which I shall never assent." On June 2nd, 1162, Becket was ordained priest, and on the following day he was consecrated Archbishop of Canterbury, from then on Becket became as ascetic as he had previously been luxurious. The struggle between King and Primate began almost at once and after the Council of Clarendon in 1164 reached such proportions that Becket was compelled to flee to the Continent. After a bitter dispute which dragged on for seven years the Archbishop returned in the autumn of 1170 much to the joy of the clergy and people of Canterbury, by whom he was affectionately welcomed. Their joy was shortlived. The difference between King and Primate still remained and it was about this time that Henry uttered his angry wish that he might be relieved of a priest so troublesome. Four knights hearing the words, and thinking to earn the king's goodwill, crossed the sea and forced their way into the Archbishop's palace. After a stormy interview they withdrew to arm and the Archbishop was unwillingly hurried by his clergy into the cathedral. As he entered the choir the four knights burst in, and their leader cried, "Where is Becket, the traitor?" Becket, undismayed, stepped back and said, "Here am I, no traitor, but a priest of God." The knights seized him, he was a strong man and grappled with them, but it was four against one. There, on the altar steps, they stabbed him again and again.

In the struggle between two figures it is impossible to decide that one was completely right and the other entirely wrong. Undoubtedly, it was never Henry's intention that his Primate and quondam friend should be foully and sacrilegiously murdered and for that great sin he later did penance in abject humility. On the other hand Becket had received his education on the continent and there had been imbued with the idea of papal dominance. It was his honest, but mistaken, conviction that the Church of England should do what she had never done before, and yield herself in submission to the Bishop of Rome. With two strong men of such opposing views at the head of Church and State conflict was inevitable—nor was that conflict finally to be resolved for another four centuries.

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Hospital Supplies for Honan

Some branches have sent their first shipment and acknowledgements have been received by Holy Trinity and Christ Church. The following should be noted:

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A recent letter from Bishop White adds the caution that all parcels sent by parcel-post should be enclosed in wooden or tin containers and not in cartons only. This will of course add to the expense of postage but is very necessary, in view of the long journey.

Attention!

Look for Notice of Board meetings for 1947 in next issue.

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The Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land

By THE REV. T. C. B. BOON, B.A.

II

The Minutes of the First Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land are still interesting reading. There was no lack of formality in the proceedings and an obvious sense of responsibility, and yet there are still a few touches which reveal the intimacy of the times. It is noted, for example, that the announcement of Archdeacon Cowley as Prolocutor "was received with great satisfaction" by the House of Bishops. The Archdeacon had come as a C.M.S. missionary to the Red River Settlement in 1841 when only a deacon; he had been ordained priest by Bishop Mountain in 1844, and the whole of his service had been dedicated to the extension of the work of the Church in Western Canada. The Reverend Canon Grisdale was elected as first secretary, and the following answered to their names when the roll was called: Clerical delegates for the Diocese of Rupert's Land: Ven. Archdeacon Cowley, Rev. Canon O'Meara, Rev. W. C. Pinkham, Rev. H. George, Rev. Dr. Clarke, Rev. R. Young, Rev. T. N. Wilson, Rev. S. Pritchard. Lay delegates for the Diocese of Rupert's Land: Hon. Chief Justice Wood, Hon. Colin Inkster, President of the Executive Council of Manitoba; Hon. J. Norquay, provincial secretary; Hon. E. H. G. Hay, S. L. Benson, Esq.; Captain W. Kennedy and H. R. O'Rielly, Esq. Clerical delegate for the Diocese of Athabasca, Rev. Canon Grisdale. Lay delegate for the Diocese of Athabasca, W. G. Fonseca, Esq. The Dioceses of Moosonee and Saskatchewan were unrepresented by delegates. Amongst these are great names in the history of the West: Cyprian Pinkham and Richard Young later became bishops. The Hon. Colin Inkster lived to become known to the present generation of Winnipeg residents, serving for many years as Sheriff and for still longer as a warden of St. John's Cathedral. The Hon. John Norquay came from St. Andrew's, and the last link with him was only broken in 1946, when the fine old stone residence on the banks of the Red River close by the famous church passed out of the family. The family of Mr. Hay still reside in the old home near St. Andrew's, and has been conspicuous for its public service and support of the Church. Mr. Benson was

governor of the penitentiary at Stony Mountain. Captain Kennedy, who was an old Hudson Bay Company official, lies buried just outside the east window of St. Andrew's Church. Mr. O'Rielly was connected with the Parish of St. James, and Mr. Fonseca the proprietor of one of the largest general stores in Winnipeg and a founder of the Parish of Holy Trinity.

The first business submitted to the House of Delegates by the House of Bishops was a draft of the Constitution of the Provincial Synod, and as this had already been circulated, it was taken as read, and the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole under the chairmanship of the Hon. Chief Justice to consider it clause by clause. Most of the draft was readily accepted, but there was a good deal of discussion over the clause dealing with subdivisions of the Dioceses and respecting the appointment of the new bishop, but it was finally decided that before such bishop could be elected by a Synod, the Diocese must contain at least twelve clergy who were supported either by endowments or by their congregations. This number has since been reduced to six, but it was many years before any bishop was elected by a Synod in Western Canada. In fact, it was not until 1891 that the Standing Committee of the Provincial Synod elected its first bishop in the person of Archdeacon Reeve to succeed Bishop Bompas as Bishop of Mackenzie River, when the latter preferred to take the newly-formed and more northerly Diocese of Selkirk (now Yukon).

The fourth clause of section IV which dealt with the number of clerical and lay delegates to be elected to the Provincial Synod by each Diocesan Synod, seems to have caused considerable debate, for the Minutes record "an animated discussion took place on this motion, it being contended by some that there would be no use debating the question until it was known what the views of the Upper House were on the clause before them." However, after consideration in committee, it was resolved that each Diocese should be represented by not more than seven of each Order, a number which stood until 1933, when owing to the multiplication of dio-

ceses and the expense of carrying a Synod of such unwieldy size, this number was reduced to four of each Order. The original representation was only arranged after a conference with the House of Bishops in which the delegates were represented by a committee of six.

The Synod, having settled its Constitution, appointed a committee to settle its expenses, and then another committee to draft a Code of Proceedings and Rules of Order. The House of Bishops in the meantime notified the Lower House that it recommended the prayers for the Governor-General and Lieutenant-Governor, for the Legislature of the Dominion or Province, and for a meeting of a Provincial or Diocesan Synod to be used in the Ecclesiastical Province, and these have since been incorporated in the Canadian edition of the Book of Common Prayer. The House of Delegates, on its part, made its earliest gesture towards the unity of the Church when it passed a resolution moved by the Rev. W. C. Pinkham, and seconded by Captain Kennedy, "That the Upper House are hereby respectfully requested to communicate through the Metropolitan with the Bishop of British Columbia, inviting his Diocese to take such action as may lead to its union with the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land;" surely a wonderful launching out into the future, when it is remembered that the only means of reaching British Columbia in those days was by an arduous trip in a canoe.

This First Provincial Synod had a distinguished visitor in the person of the Right Rev. H. B. Whipple, D.D., Bishop of Minnesota, who preached at the service held in St. John's Cathedral on Wednesday morning, August 4th, taking as his text Titus III, 8 and 9. It was an eloquent and forcible missionary sermon on the function of the Church, and some of the things said still have freshness and point: "It is not the things which it is necessary to believe unto salvation which divide the Church of God." . . . "These are no days for timid councils or for doubting faith." . . . "To your infant Church is committed the work of laying the foundations of schools, hospitals, churches and houses of mercy. In these new fields a bishop's life is one of deferred hopes." . . . "There is no failure in the work of God." Speaking particularly of Indian work and pointing out the effect of immigration upon the natives: "Unless you give the Indian a home for the wigwam, implements of husbandry for the chase, and schools and

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Kapasiwin Summer Season, 1947

Hello Everybody! It is time to be thinking of your Summer activity, even if March winds are still blowing! So here is how the time at our Diocesan Camp Kapasiwin is arranged:

Junior Camp: July 3rd (Thursday) to July 11th (Friday).

Junior Camp: July 13th (Sunday) to July 21st (Monday).

Leadership Camp: July 22nd (Tues.) to August 1st (Friday).

Senior Girls' Camp: Aug. 5th (Tues.) to August 15th (Friday).

Senior Boys' Camp: Aug. 17th (Sun.) to August 27th (Wed.).

A.Y.P.A. Weekend Camp: Saturday, August 1st, to Monday, Aug. 4th

Canon Hatfield has kindly consented to supervise the Junior Camps again this year. Miss Arva Stewart, the regional Girls' Work Supervisor of the W.A., is looking forward to giving a hand with the Senior Girls' Camp.

The Rev. F. A. Peake anticipates another busy ten days with the Senior Boys' Camp.

The Rev. L. A. C. Smith hopes to have a day or two at the Leadership Camp, and will be available for the "A.Y'ers" too!

Visiting speakers for the Leadership Camp will be announced later, but from persons suggested, and from our experience with those who have come to speak to us, we know that parishes represented at this affair will be benefitted greatly by the instruction and information given those present.

Kapasiwin presents a splendid opportunity to gain practical help in leadership, and at the same time enjoy a happy holiday in pleasant surroundings with congenial folks. Let every parish be represented!

Look for more information about Kapasiwin in the next issue of our own Diocesan magazine, *THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN*.

If you still have your September, 1946, *EDMONTON CHURCHMAN* about, and would like to refresh your memory of all that makes our Kapasiwin Camp of some consequence, look up the notes on page 8. When you have read them you will not want to miss a share in the good things that will be there this summer of 1947. Time to start planning is right now!

R.S.F.

The Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land

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churches for his heathen dances and grand medicine; unless you give him something to live for, there may come to you, as there has often come to us, a time when the wail of massacre shall be heard throughout your desolated country. The problem is yours to solve—and it can only be solved by the Lessons of the Gospel of Jesus Christ." It might be added that no official group in Western Canada in the seventy-two years which have passed since that sermon was preached has taken a sincerer, keener or more helpful or continued interest in the welfare of the Indian than the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land.

(To be continued.)



Broadcasting

March:

2nd—All Saints'	CJCA
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6th—All Saints'	CJCA
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What is Christian Symbolism?

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(a) I.H.S. are the first three letters of the sacred Name; being an abbreviated form. Just as we write: George, GEO.; Samuel, SAM.; John, JNO.; Henry, HY.; William, WM.; so JESUS was written IHS. What looks like an "H" is the capital "E" in Greek. Some have made the initials stand for "Jesus hominum Salvator." "In Hoc Signo," and "I Have Suffered." These are but secondary uses of the letters.

XP stand for Christ and are the first two letters as they are written in Greek. What looks like a "P" is the Greek "Ro," corresponding to the English "R."

(b) The Cross is the symbol of our Faith. Though long ante-dating Christianity it was early adopted as its greatest Sacred Symbol. It stands for all that is highest and noblest and best in life, because it typifies Sacrifice, without which no good thing can come.

(c) The Coloured Hangings of the English Altar mark the Church's Seasons: White signifying joy; Red stands for martyrdom and for Celestial Fire; Violet is used for penitence; Green signifies hope.

(d) The Eagle with open wings, holding the Bible is symbolic of Truth. The Eagle is supposed to be able to soar higher than any bird and is supposed also to be able to look directly at the sun.

(e) Two Candles on the Altar were originally placed to give light for reading of the Epistle and the Gospel. When brighter light was used in Church for general lighting, the Candles were retained to signify the two natures of our Lord—that He was altogether Human and altogether Divine. He is the Light of the World.

Rural Deanery of Edmonton

ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL

THE VERY REV. A. M. TRENDALL

The annual meeting of the congregation, which was held on January 20th, was well attended, especially in view of the cold weather. Reports from all branches of church activities showed that progress throughout the year had been good and congregations had been well maintained.

All accounts had been met and the Diocesan Apportionment had been paid in full. \$9,000.00 in cash had been received towards the objective of \$13,300.00 in the Anglican Advance Appeal and the rest had been over pledged. In addition to this more than \$8,000.00 had been raised during the year for the Building Fund. This brought the total receipts for the year to more than \$30,000.00.

A strong visiting committee is now at work in the parish in preparation for Lent and Easter, and a course of teaching addresses has been prepared for Sunday mornings and evenings, and also for the Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. We are working hard to encourage our people to worship God at home and in their parish church, so that the Spirit of God may work in all our hearts, and the Power of God may bring us peace and order in this chaotic world.

W.A. Report: The Woman's Auxiliary report that Mrs. Bert Ross was unanimously re-elected as president for a second term. They are pleased to welcome as new officers for the coming year: Mrs. H. Mace as 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. J. Wicks, Treasurer; Mrs. L. L. Lister, Asst. Treasurer; Mrs. J. Regan, Dorcas Sec.; Mrs. D. N. Wade, Little Helpers' Sec.; Mrs. H. J. Lamb, Living Message Sec.; Mrs. Franklin Booth, Hospital Visitor; Mrs. L. Exham, Educational Sec. Other officers are: 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. R. J. Horne; Recording Sec., Mrs. F. A. Richens; Corresponding Sec. Mrs. T. G. Paton; E.C.D. and U.T.O., Mrs. C. H. G. Codner; Prayer Partner, Mrs. E. Hill; Tea Hostess, Mrs. T. A. Warrington; Junior W.A., Miss S. Aldridge.

The Jasper East Group, under the leadership of Mrs. A. W. Allbright, are holding an Easter time Tea in the Empire Room of the Hudson's Bay on Saturday, April 12th. Everyone will be welcome. The Cathedral Evening Group, with Mrs. J. A. M. Hamilton as their leader, have tentative plans for a May Day Tea. A very pleasant afternoon was spent when Mrs. A. M. Trendall kindly gave her home for a Shrove Tuesday Tea for the benefit of the West End Group. Receiving with Mrs. Trendall were Mrs. Bert Ross and Mrs. T. A. Warrington, leader of the Group. General Convenor was Mrs. J. Regan. The Evening Group, under the guidance of Miss V. Chapman held a "white elephant" and home cooking stall at the Market on Saturday, February 8th. We are very pleased to hear that Mrs. Ronald Martland of Connaught Group is progressing very favourably. We are sorry

Mrs. W. H. Clark, one of our oldest members, is unable to be with us. Mrs. R. P. Lefroy has kindly consented to take over Central Group, through Mrs. Clark's illness. The February devotional meeting was held Ash Wednesday evening. Installment of new officers and members in the W.A. took place. Mrs. J. Regan, the Dorcas Secretary, is working on the articles required for the sale.

Boy Scout Report: On Wednesday evening, February 5th, at the regular weekly get-together of the 1st Troup Boy Scouts, All Saints', the Parents' Association presented to Scoutmaster E. A. C. Hertzog a cup for annual competition. This cup is to be awarded to the patrol with the highest number of credits received during the year indicative of greatest all round efficiency. The Eagle Patrol had the honour of being the first to hold the cup. Scoutmaster Hertzog presented the cup to Patrol Leader Donald Wood. Investiture was held for scouts Donald Strachan, Bobbie Clark and William Moffatt. 2nd Class Badge was presented to William Moffatt, and Leaping Wolfe badges to Bobbie Clark and William Moffatt. Cubmaster P. J. A. Flemming, Assts. Len Ankers and David Paling, as well as Asst. District Commissioner for Cubs George Audley were in attendance. A number of parents and most of the Cubs of the 1st Pack were interested spectators.

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THE REV. E. S. OTTLEY

By the time this magazine reaches you we shall be well into the season of Lent, so that some of the things that follow will serve as reminders of what is going on.

The pre-Lent visitation, which is part of our continued Spiritual Advance, is taking the form of an enterprise, in which the whole congregation is involved. A resolution was passed at the recent Synod, calling on our people to see to it, that a personal invitation to the public worship of God is extended to all our "lost," or "lapsed," Anglicans. So our Motto for Lent is: bring someone with you to church next Sunday.

On Sunday evenings during Lent a series of sermons dealing with "The Cross," as the answer to certain hard questions.

At our Wednesday evening services addresses are being given on "The Place of the Cross in Human Lives."

We were glad to welcome a large number of young people from Robertson and Wesley Churches at the INTER-CHURCH YOUTH SERVICE, on the evening of Feb. 2nd. A most enjoyable social hour was spent afterwards in the parish hall.

At the evening service on Feb. 9th and 16th we presented two religious films, entitled "Voice in the Wilderness," portraying a work and ministry of John the Baptist, as an introduction of the work of

Christ, which comes before us during Lent. These are excellent films, and we are hoping to have more of them occasionally as time goes on.

Sunday School: We are gratified to be able to report that, following mention of the matter at the annual meeting, Mr. F. W. Purkis has undertaken the work of General Secretary of the Sunday School.

The annual meeting of the W.A. brought a very successful year to a close, the receipts for 1946 totaling over \$1,500. Mrs. J. F. Thompson was unanimously re-elected as President, while special tribute was paid to Mrs. L. D. Moore who is

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 Nelson, J. W. Cowley, the Rev. J. Dicker, H. W. Tye, H. Wonnacott, J. G. Baker,

again to be our Treasurer, a post she has filled for ten years.

The A.Y.P.A. reports a most enjoyable fireside hour was spent the first Sunday in February, following the evening service, when the young people of both Robertson and Wesley United Churches were their guests. Each month the members of the A.Y.P.A. meet for corporate communion which is followed by breakfast in the parish hall.

The Teen-age girls meet every Wednesday at 7.45 in the parish hall, where they have a study period; their study book being "India," following this they work on their badges, model clay and recently have taken up leathercraft and weaving.

The Young Women's Club are also very active, meeting Monday evenings. And now we come to the Scouts and Cubs—at present the Scouts are collecting newspaper which they sell to the florists, the proceeds being used to help finance the cabin being built at Camp Turner, north of the city. Five of the scouts left the troop recently to form a Rover crew. On Sunday, Feb. 16th, the boys attended morning service, commemorating the birthday of their late chief, Lord Baden Powell. The boys, all in uniform, preceded by their colors, made a very impressive showing.

To complete our writeup we must of course pay tribute to our choir, who do so much to add to the enjoyment of our services. Their annual meeting was held January 16th, when Dr. A. Peers, a newcomer to our church, was elected president. On January 29th, one of the coldest nights this winter, Mr. and Mrs. L. Betts were hosts to the choir. The choir are already at work on the Easter music, and are, I believe, anticipating the Musical Festival.

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Lenten services have been arranged for each Wednesday evening of the Lenten Season, and we are looking for the splendid response which has characterized our Lenten Services for some years past. We are also hoping to reach out to non-churchgoers during the next few months, and in this regard we are asking everyone to co-operate. Our slogan is: "Each one reach one," and the personal witness and invitation is by far the most effective means of helping our Anglican Advance.

Confirmation: Confirmation classes have commenced, and we will be glad to receive new candidates. The classes are held on Mondays, for students at 7 p.m., and for adults at 8.15 p.m. Any adults, confirmed or otherwise, are invited to attend the adult classes.

Men's Club: The February meeting is to be held on the 23rd, when the R.C.M.P. picture, "North West Passage," is to be shown. We are looking forward to a banquet at our March meeting on St. Patrick's Day.

Parish Guild: The Bridge party which was held recently in the Empire Room of the Hudson's Bay Co. was most successful. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Norman Legge, 11139 90th Avenue.

G.A. and J.W.A.: These two groups combined and held a Tea Party in the church basement on St. Valentine's Day. Girls 15 and over will be welcomed on Monday evenings.

Mother's Union: The February meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. J. Crook. Sewing and knitted articles were handed in by members for Social Service. Mrs. G. G. Reynolds was guest speaker, and her talk was on "Social Service—Past and Present." March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. W. Drake, 10631 80th Avenue.

Choir: Sixty-six choir members and their friends attended a banquet at the Corona Hotel on February 6th. Mr. T. Walton, President, was chairman. During the evening a silver tea service was presented to Miss Margaret Smalian, who has been a valued member of our choir for a number of years.

The choir attended the wedding of Miss M. Smalian and Mr. T. Starkie, which took place on February 14th.

The choir have been asked to attend the Lenten services, and we hope to see a large attendance each Wednesday evening.

Sunday School: We are particularly pleased to welcome Mr. J. Levy back to the Sunday School staff. Mr. Levy has taken over a young boys' class which was urgently in need of a trained teacher, and we are most fortunate in having him with us again.

Synod: Messrs. T. W. Bull, F. J. Fishburne, E. H. Rivers, H. W. Tye and H. Wonnacott were delegates to Synod. Mr. Bull was chosen to attend Provincial Synod, and Mr. Fishburne elected to the Social Service Council.

ST. FAITH'S

THE REV. L. M. WATTS

Mr. Carter's departure on January 20th for an extended visit to England gives us an opportunity of saying how much we have appreciated his loyal service during the past years. As rector's warden he was always on hand at services and meetings. We miss him very much. We hope he will have a happy holiday. At the morning service on January 19th Mr. Carter was presented with a pen and pencil, which carry with them the esteem and good wishes of the congregation.

W.A.: At the regular meeting on January 22nd Mrs. H. Davis, the retiring president, was presented with a picture by the members as a mark of their appreciation of her years of leadership. The new officers of both the Afternoon and Evening branches were installed by the Rector, at a service in the church on January 29th.

The service was followed by a social gathering, at which the afternoon members were guests of the evening branch. St. Faith's members were conspicuous by their presence at the Diocesan Annual.

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Annual Meeting: The congregational annual meeting was held on Jan. 20th. Reports of the past year were most satisfactory. By the co-operation of all during 1946 the debt on the rectory was reduced to \$999.40 (below the thousand, anyway!). It was resolved at this meeting that the Dime-a-Week Club be revived and re-organized for the special purpose of paying off the debt on the rectory.

Acting on the proposal of the Vestry the congregation voted unanimously in favour of having an assistant priest in the parish. The rector is now working with the Bishop to secure a man for this purpose.

Mr. H. T. S. Parlee was appointed Rector's Warden, and Mr. D. R. W. Mason was elected People's Warden. The following were elected to the Vestry: Mrs. W. Pattison, Miss E. Smith, Messrs. D. C. Adams, J. Cleveley, T. Cole, E. Currey, P. S. Esouf, W. Melnyk, V. A. Sadd, C. Thompson, V. T. Young.

Synod: The recent meeting of Synod was attended by J. Cleveley, H. G. Hearn, and H. T. S. Parlee as delegates from St. Faith's. The rector was elected as a member of the Diocesan Executive Committee, and as a delegate to the Provincial Synod.

Vestry: At the first meeting of the new Vestry Mr. D. C. Adams was elected Vestry Clerk, Mr. W. Melnyk, Envelope Secretary, and Mr. V. A. Sadd, Secretary-Treasurer of the Dime-a-Week Club. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Robinson who has been in charge of the Dime-a-Week since its inception five or six years ago. It has been a great source of helpfulness to the parish. We are going to give the club prominence this year in the hope that by means of it we may shrink the rectory debt to nothing.

Choir: We welcome Mrs. Mealing as the "choir mother" of our Juniors, and we thank Mr. Parlee for putting a clothes rack in the church room. The Junior Choir is now able to robe in the church room to relieve the congestion of the vestry.

General: Confirmation classes began on January 27th for junior members of the congregation. An adult class will be organized later on.

Mrs. J. Cleveley has kindly offered to act as parish correspondent for THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN, for which we are grateful in advance.

A congregational social evening in keeping with the Lenten season is being arranged for Friday, March 14th. Mr. Currey and Miss E. Smith are in charge. Here is an opportunity for new comers to meet one another in an atmosphere of friendliness.

The Rector and Mrs. Watts wish to thank all who were so kind and helpful before, at, and after the birth of their daughter. Gloria wishes to say "thank you" to the Rev. and Mrs. C. E. F. Wolff and Margaret for their kind hospitality.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

At a meeting of the Ladies' Circle held at the home of Mrs. Clarke on Feb. 12th, Mrs. Phillips was re-elected president, and Mrs. McInnis was elected to succeed Mrs. Byers as secretary-treasurer. The plans that were made for the future included the forward step of having gas laid into the church to replace the present method of heating by coal.

Thanks to Mrs. S. A. Noble who has been substituting at the organ for the Sunday services, in place of Mrs. Byers who is recovering from a recent accident.

ST. JOHN'S

THE REV. W. E. HARRISON

On Tuesday evening, January 28th, our Bishop was present with us for the dedication of our new sanctuary and chancel. Despite the cold weather there was a large attendance, and we were pleased to welcome a number of visiting clergymen, including the Ven. Archdeacon Tackaberry, Canon W. M. Nainby, the Rev. L. M. Watts and the Rev. A. Elliott.

The petition to the Bishop was read by Mr. F. G. Chapman, people's warden, on behalf of the rector and congregation, requesting the act of dedication—and that the new building be set apart as a place of worship according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England in Canada.

When the Bishop had replied giving his consent, the sentence of dedication was read by Mr. Justice Ford, Chancellor of the Dioceses.

The Bishop preached a most inspiring sermon. He spoke of the incidents in the life of our Lord when the temple was cleansed, and of how Jesus had said on these occasions, "Make not My House a house of merchandise," and again, "My House shall be called a House of Prayer." It is for this reason, he went to say, that we set apart our Church as a home where we can always meet our Heavenly Father.

Miss Audrey Huxley sang the soprano solo, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," from "The Messiah." The service closed with the recessional hymn, "Lead On O King Eternal." Following the service the members of the congregation assembled in the parish hall to meet the Bishop and other guests. Refreshments were served by the women of the W.A.

An organization meeting for the Chi Rho Fellowship was held during the last week in January. A good representation of our young people turned out, and it was decided that each member in turn would be responsible for planning and arranging the forthcoming meetings. Cameron Knowles was elected secretary-treasurer.

Confirmation classes have started. The boys are meeting on Wednesday each week, and the girls on Friday. We have a

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ST. MARK'S

THE REV. A. ELLIOTT

On Monday, January 20th, the annual meeting was held in the parish hall. There was a good attendance, and a spirit of optimism pervaded the whole meeting. The financial statement, read by the Treasurer, Mr. A. B. Johns, gave the greatest cause for encouragement. For the first time in many years the church had ended the year without a debt. The envelope subscribers had increased considerably, and all the obligations for the A.A.A. appeal had been met, within a very short space of time.

Reports of the year's activities were given by all branches. Mrs. A. Elliott read the reports of the Junior W.A. and the Senior Girls. Mrs. C. Cawley read a short account of the Evening Group, which was just recently formed. Mrs. W. Fleming gave the detailed report of the W.A. and Mrs. P. John read the financial statement. This group, which has labored under many difficulties throughout the year, are deserving of high praise for the very successful efforts which they have achieved.

The Choir report was given by Miss E. J. Corlett, showing an advance in both membership and leadership. The activities of the A.Y.P.A. were itemized by the secretary, Miss D. Spooner, and Mr. D. Gibbs read the financial statement. This group had added to their membership, and has been of great assistance in helping with repairs to the parish hall. The Cubs have shown one of the greatest advances in leadership, the responsibilities being shouldered by a member of the older boys of the congregation. An Auxiliary has been formed to aid the Cubs. This report was read by the enterprising Cubmaster, Mr. G. Gardner. The work of the Sunday School was described by Miss Marion Davies. Again there is great cause for encouragement. The increase in staff members has exceeded any other year. The credit for this advancement is due to the untiring efforts of Mr. H. Bromley, the Superintendent.

As Rector's Warden, Mr. E. Hayden told of the church's advances throughout the past year. This included installation of gas in both church and hall; the magnificent response to the A.A.A. appeal; and the important decision to accept the responsibility of a self-supporting parish. In regard to the latter step, we have well advanced on the road to success.

The Rev. A. Elliott thanked all members for their loyalty and response throughout the year. He praised the work

being done in each department, and stressed the need for continued interest and co-operation.

Mr. A. B. Johns voted a special thanks to the W.A. for their valuable aid; and to Mr. E. Hayden for his untiring efforts in collecting two-thirds of the amount of the A.A.A. appeal.

Mr. H. Bromley was elected People's Warden and Mr. E. Hayden, Rector's Warden. Members elected to the Vestry were: Mrs. W. Fleming, Mr. L. K. Hawkins, Mr. G. Gardner, Mr. T. Hayden, Mrs. C. Cawley, Mr. H. Bladon, Mrs. Hudson, Miss Corlett, Mr. A. B. Johns, Mr. D. Gibbs and Mr. T. Marks. Delegates to the Synod were Mr. E. Hayden and Mr. L. K. Hawkins, with Mr. Peel and Mr. G. Gardner as substitutes.

The Cubs have started their first aid work, in preparation for the city competitions. The mothers have planned a sleigh ride for the boys.

During Lent the Sunday School are holding lantern slides each week. A Senior teacher is still required.

The Junior Choir had a rollicking sleigh ride on Saturday, Feb. 15th. They enjoyed every minute of their outing. The tempting lunch was appreciated by all.

The W.A., assisted by the younger members of the church, served luncheon in the Empire Room, on the third day of the Diocesan Annual Meeting. With their usual exuberance and efficient planning, they served a meal which was enjoyed by everyone. They received much commendation and praise.

The officers of the Evening Group include: President, Mrs. T. Marks; Vice-Pres., Mrs. McMullen; Sec.-Treas., Miss Mary Coles, and Educational Sec., Miss Margaret Coles.

On each Wednesday during Lent services are being held in the church.

Bishop Barfoot visited our church on January 26th, he congratulated us on the outstanding progress we have made during the past six months, and gave us great encouragement for the future.

ST. MARY'S

THE REV. W. T. ELKIN

St. Mary's various organizations roll along smoothly under their officers for the new year.

January 13th saw the first two annual meetings of the new year. The Men's Club held their meeting in the parish hall; Chas. Dawe was elected president, D. Brown as vice-president and R. N. Barlow as sec.-treasurer. This club has had two most interesting meetings in the past month. The first of these brought two talks, with subsequent discussions, on "Financial Incentive Systems" and on "Dentistry." The second meeting was a "Millionaires' Night"—lots of fun and sport was enjoyed.

January 13th, likewise, saw the election of officers for the Girls' Auxiliary. Valerie Marshall was voted in as president, Annie Clark is sec.-treasurer and Shirley Smallridge is convener of games for 1947. Mrs. N. Morgan, leader of the above group, now has much needed assistance in the person of Mrs. E. Hertzog.

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The annual meeting and election of officers for the Evening Group of the W. A. was held at the rectory on January 22nd. Officers in this group for the present year are: Hon. Pres., Mrs. Collins; Pres., Mrs. N. Saunders; Vice-Pres., Mrs. F. Bannard; Sec., Mrs. G. Rowswell; Treasurer U.T.O. and E.C.D. Sec., Mrs. W. Scott; Social Convener, Mrs. A. Radke; Dorcas Sec., Mrs. P. Hiron; Educ. Sec., Mrs. T. M. White; Telephone Sec., Mrs. G. Clark; Asst. Jr. W.A. Leader, Mrs. A. Potter; Little Helpers' Sec., Mrs. E. Marsh; Asst. Little Helpers' Sec., Mrs. L. Suss.

The annual congregational meeting was held in the parish hall Jan. 23rd. Reports of the various church organizations showed operations during 1946 as satisfactory, with progress recorded in all phases of the church's activities. The financial statement was presented by J. C. Barford, treasurer, who stated that total receipts were \$6,257. It was also made known that the past year saw the completion of the first unit of the parish's building program, with the new addition already in use. H. J. Cuff was re-elected Rector's Warden and A. T. Potter, People's Warden at this meeting. Elected members of the Vestry were: C. F. Bannard, G. A. Clark, J. C. Barford, D. Drabble, A. J. Cooke, T. M. White, C. Rogers, Eric Marsh and R. N. Saunders. Lay delegates to the Synod will be E. R. MacDonald, R. T. Williams and G. A. Clark.

The Junior W.A. held their annual meeting Jan. 17th. There were twenty-two members present, as well as Mrs. Robinson, leader, and Mrs. Potter, asst. leader. The following officers were elected for 1947: President, Harriet Stutchbury; Sec., Louise Scott; Treas., Peggy Potter; Literary Sec., Ellen Alton. We were very pleased to have Miss Nona Rogers of the G.A. offer her services, as our group is so large and active.

Miss Arva Stewart visited the Juniors Feb. 7th. We enjoyed meeting Miss Stewart and are grateful for the many new ideas she presented to us. A surprise Valentine party was held Feb. 14th in honor of our leader. Thank you, mothers, for your refreshments and kitchen aid. Mrs. Robinson was really surprised and the girls did have an enjoyable time.

Feb. 12th brought the 1947 election of officers for St. Mary's Choir. Those elected were: Pres., C. Rogers; Sec.-Treas., D. Smith; Librarian, L. Davies; Robe Mistress, K. Jones.

A much-needed Sanctuary Guild was recently formed, with Mrs. G. Clark, Mrs. D. Wilders, Mrs. S. Jeffels, Mrs. A. Potter and Mrs. P. Hiron as members. Work on the altar hangings is well under way, and with the prospect of two or three added members, it is hoped the necessary hangings, etc., will be completed by Easter.

The Afternoon Group of the W.A. will hold a pre-Lenten tea Feb. 18th from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the parish hall. There will be a home-cooking stall in charge of Mrs. A. C. Jackson, and a "white elephant" booth in charge of Mrs. J. Robinson. Conveners of the tea is Mrs. W. S. Kent.

Delegates to the Diocesan Annual are: Mrs. M. Brown and Mrs. W. S. Kent.

Three new members have been happily welcomed to this group during the past month, namely, Mrs. M. Simpson, Mrs. S. Jeffels and Mrs. C. H. Flintoff.

Baptisms: Judy Gay Price, Ronald Edward Lysenko.

Burials: Mrs. Mary Anne Pearce, January 16th; Mrs. Ann Woodward, February 14th.

ST. PAUL'S

THE REV. N. J. GODKIN

During January the usual annual meetings were held at St. Paul's. Mrs. R. L. Robson was elected president of the afternoon group of the W.A., and Mrs. A. Wallis president of the evening group. More new members have joined. A gathering of both groups to acquaint members with each other enjoyed a pleasant social evening at the home of Mrs. C. Jones, and had the encouragement of seeing how many others in the parish were interested in the same work. At the annual meeting Mr. L. R. Kvitem was elected for another year as People's Warden, and Mr. G. S. Deacon was appointed Vicar's Warden. Since the beginning of the year Mrs. H. P. Brown has become our organist, and a junior choir has been started, with a fine enrolment. The W.A. ladies have put in some long hours repairing old choir garments and making new ones. The energy with which they attacked this task is beyond all praise. Our parish was honored twice in February by visits from the Bishop. On the first occasion he officiated at five baptisms at the morning service. It was the most stormy weekend of the winter, but there was a fine congregation, and despite expectations to the contrary, all was peace within the building. On the second occasion at a week-night service the Bishop confirmed four young people. His sermon gave everyone a fine devotional uplift, and something to think about for a long time.

St. Paul's was represented at Synod by Mr. H. P. Brown and Mr. G. S. Deacon. Mr. Brown was elected to the Diocesan Board of Religious Education. These two delegates deserve our thanks for the sacrifice of their time and leisure during the strenuous days of the Synod, during which they were present at every session.

The W.A. Annual at All Saints' the following week saw our parish largely represented. It was a very fine thing for our ladies. They received from it ideas and an inspiration that will carry them a long way during this year. They should

be thanked, too; but we are always in debt to the ladies, and they know we are always grateful to them for their deeds, both great and small.

ST. PETER'S

THE REV. R. S. FAULKES

Our parish was well represented at the recent Synod, and in common with all the other members, enjoyed the proceedings. Several members of the W.A. attended the Annual. Congratulations to Mrs. Rock on being made a Life Member, an honour she will cherish very much.

Boy Scout and Girl Guide work was observed by our boys and girls at a church parade on Sunday, the 16th of February, with the Cubs and Brownies, the youngsters all looked very smart in their uniforms; and they honoured their organiza-

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Lenten services will be held each week at 8 p.m. in the parish church. Lent is a season that ought to be more carefully observed by Anglican people. Easter loses much of its significance when the season of preparation has not been kept. Conversely, Easter is a marvellous festival, when there has been active participation in the events that precede it. The Lenten services will consist of Scripture reading, prayers for the people of the parish, prayers for the life of the Church at large and particularly in respect of the Advance; and a few moments consideration of some of the acts of our Blessed Lord. Come and share in this revitalizing hour.

Members of the parish group of the W.A. had a busy afternoon during the Annual, when they prepared lunch for the delegates, and are most grateful to all who assisted in any way, in making it a success.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Our appreciation to Messrs. E. S. Cooper and F. W. Wilson for representing us at the Synod. The Vestry meeting had an interesting discussion on reports brought back from Synod, and so were able to share in the sense of accomplishment that was evident among those who attended.

Several W.A. members were able to go and share in the Annual, which was a record affair in so many ways, and not least in the enjoyment the delegates had in the proceedings.

The Junior W.A. recently had a most successful Valentine Tea, and are grateful to all those who helped to make it so.

The Sunday School has accepted a part in the forthcoming Sunday School Dramatic evening, at which portions of the current lessons are presented. All parents who read this should make a point of being present that night, March 14th, in All Saints' parish hall.

Lenten services are to be held this year each Wednesday evening. Come and share in them. Lent is a time for getting a stronger hold on the "stuff" of our faith. As a friend of mine says, quoting a scripture, it is a time for "lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes." It involves sacrifice of pleasure and time, but that in order to have more of the spirit of God in the heart and life. That is why Lent, properly observed, makes Easter such a grand occasion. Come then, hear the Scripture, pray for your fellow parishioners, pray for your Church and its "Ad-

vance," and consider the things our Lord did that humankind might learn they could have the Kingdom of God within them and among them!

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The annual meeting was held on Jan. 21st, and the following officers were appointed and elected for 1947: Rector's Warden, A. C. Russell; People's Warden, J. R. Watson; Vestry: A. C. Ballantine, C. Dixon, H. Gregory, T. Jones, G. G. L. Moore, R. Paice, W. Petherbridge, H. Horton, J. C. Slater, T. F. Swallow, J. Swaffield, and B. Woolman. Lay Delegates to Synod: H. L. Weir, T. F. Swallow and R. Paice

All the reports presented showed good work done during 1946 and we are very hopeful about 1947.

Since these elections the Diocesan Synod has been held and we congratulate Mr. H. L. Weir and Mr. T. F. Swallow on having been elected lay delegates to the General Synod.

The A.Y.P.A.: A new venture has been the organizing of a Junior Branch. In company with the Senior Branch a sleigh party was held on February 7th, and a party, at which some of the Senior members were guests, was held on Feb. 14th. The entire arrangements were in the hands of these younger members and a very good time was enjoyed by all.

Willing Workers: At the annual meeting the following officers for 1947 were elected: Hon. Pres., Mrs. C. Wolff; Pres., Mrs. T. Jones; Sec., Mrs. H. Wilson; Treas., Mrs. J. Slater; Dorcas Supt., Mrs. Walsh; Dorcas Asst., Mrs. Miller; Tea Convener, Mrs. Clarke. Any ladies interested in the work of the Willing Workers will be cordially welcomed.

Lent: During the Season of Lent the Sunday services will be as usual. At the

evening services the rector will give a course of addresses on the Ten Commandments. On Wednesday evenings throughout Lent the rector will give a course of instructions on the "Articles of Faith," as set forth in the Apostles' Creed, to be followed by a brief question period. These services will begin promptly at 8 o'clock each evening. The weekday morning services will be as usual.

Holy Matrimony: Harry Kanuka and Margaret Ferguson Baxter, Feb. 14th.

Burials: R.I.P.—We record, with a deep sense of loss the passing to wider service of the following parishioners: George Dykes, January 16th, aged 61 years; Margery Beatrice Woolman, Jan. 20th, aged 48 years; Florence Maria Jost, Feb. 11th, aged 74 years.

ST. PAUL'S, LEDUC

The sympathy of the congregation of St. Paul's Church is extended to Mrs. N. W. Allin whose mother, Isabella Catherine Jones, passed away on February 11, at the age of 89 years. Mrs. Jones was always an ardent church worker and will be missed very much by all. The funeral was held in Edmonton, Feb. 13th, with the Rev. A. Elliott officiating.

A confirmation class has been commenced.

The Sunday School and choir have been poorly attended due to illness, but we hope they will be back to full strength in the near future.

Mrs. H. Moss, president of our W.A., attended the Annual W.A. meetings.

EMMANUEL, GIBBONS

THE REV. W. W. BUXTON

Our annual meeting was held Jan. 15th. Taking the weather into consideration, it was well attended. The financial statement showed a small cash balance on hand. The Rector appointed as his warden Mr. Frank Bass. Mr. J. C. Fraser was elected people's warden, with members to act on Vestry as follows: Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. J. C. Fraser, Miss Connie Roberts, Messrs. W. S. Oliver, Tim Gibbons, Jack Holmes, Roy Wearmouth, Thos. Holmes and Thos. Rippon.

The W.A. held their regular meeting despite adverse weather conditions. Two members were honored with Life Membership, Mrs. R. S. D. Gibbons, acting presi-

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dent, and Mrs. Charles Brumfit. Delegates were nominated to attend the Annual Meeting of Diocesan Board, to be held in All Saints' Cathedral and Parish Hall, Edmonton.

The ladies having received Life Membership, were duly presented at a service in the Cathedral, receiving their tokens of Life Membership.

Speaking of Synod, and the Diocese history-making events evolving therefrom—

“Breathes there a man with soul so dead
That never to himself hath said: . . .”

“I feel a lot better after having attended Synod, my faith is sustained, my courage re-infused, I feel inspired to further effort in making our grand old Church a real spiritual power in our land!”

BON ACCORD

At the January meeting of Holy Trinity W.A., held at the home of Mrs. Hugh Allan, officers elected for the year were: Pres., Mrs. J. B. Milligan; Vice-Pres., Mrs. R. A. Hewitt; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. J. H. Bland. Members are doing custom sewing again this year to raise funds.

A branch of the Junior W.A. has been organized under the leadership of Mrs. H. W. Cline, assisted by Miss Alice Porter. The girls meet once a week at the home of Mrs. Cline and are at present working for handicraft badge.

The annual congregational meeting was held in January, with the Rev. W. W. Buxton presiding. Mr. John H. Bland was elected People's Warden, Mr. John R. Milligan, Vicar's Warden, and Mrs. Clara Williams is organist.

Rural Deanery of Pembina

ST. CATHERINE'S, EDSON

CANON W. DEV. A. HUNT

At the annual congregational meeting, moderately well attended, Mr. E. H. Tucker again took over the responsibilities of people's Warden, Mr. J. A. Ball, those of the Vicar's Warden, while remaining as Secretary. Vestry appointed were: Mr. Jellie, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Dobson (pro tem), Mr. B. Dobing, Mr. D. Caston, Mrs. Lemotte, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Laurence. Some of the above were not present, but afterwards kindly consented to act in this capacity. Auditors are to be Mr. Jellis and Mr. Buck. It was a good meeting, in spite of the fact that a great effort is needed to interest the large number of nominal Anglicans in their Church. The Vestry were asked to take greater responsibility in this connection. A motion was put through to the effect that we should send church furniture, which had been replaced, to the new church at Seba Beach.

At the February meeting of the W.A. held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Bland, Mrs. J. B. Milligan gave a very interesting report of the Diocesan Annual, recently held in Edmonton.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, RIFE

We received a very welcome visit from the Bishop on December 22nd for our Christmas service, and he gave us a very interesting address. The infant son of Mr. R. Chester of Bonnyville was christened at this service—Ronald George. There was a congregation of 22, of which eight were communicants. The church was tastefully decorated with evergreens and a generous supply of holly, supplied by Mrs. J. K. Johnstone, of B.C., in memory of her two boys. A slight smoky odour still remained in the church, as when warming up the building on the previous day, the furnace refused to burn and it was later discovered that a colony of bees had decided to use the chimney during the summer for a home. Too bad to have had to waste all that good honey.

Our congregation is very much depleted at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Ray White, Mrs. Wm. Ross, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith having all gone to B.C. We especially miss Mrs. D. Smith, she having been our organist; also for the winter months we have lost Mr. and Mrs. Desrube, who are wintering in Arizona. We hope they will return in the spring, with Mrs. Desrube's health much improved. Owing to many members being away in B.C., the W.A. has suspended its meetings until the spring.

The Rev. L. E. C. Frith, S.S.J.C., assisted us on 19th January, which was a very cold day here. The congregation numbered 17, three of which took communion.

Pat Tucker. This event is one which will be enjoyed by all the W.A. members, who are very keenly and deeply aware of the long and devoted service which Mrs. Tucker has unfailingly given to the W.A. and the Church. It is a real pleasure to voice our appreciation of Pat's appropriate gift.

The G.A. gave a surprise Valentine dinner party to their mothers on the 14th. The necessary foodstuffs were “smuggled” from the various homes into the vicarage, where the dinner was prepared by Mrs. Hunt. Some mothers perhaps “smelled a rat” when groceries mysteriously vanished, but one or two were taken completely by surprise. All enjoyed an excellent meal. The Girls decorated the hall and tables very tastefully with paper hearts and cupid's arrows as became St. Valentine's Day. After dinner everybody joined in a programme of games. The evening finished with the singing of the G.A. hymn and the saying of the Members' Prayer.

The Juniors, under the direction of Mrs. Ball, are making up a bale to send to Miss Neville, our W.A. Prayer Partner

Mr. A. J. Ball attended the meetings of the Diocesan Synod as the lay delegate for this parish. At a Vestry meeting, held on the Sunday after Synod, the

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Vicar appointed Mr. Ball to act as financial adviser to the Vestry.

Holy Baptism: Cherry Catherine Rocchio, on Jan. 19th, in St. Catherine's Church.

Holy Matrimony: Donald Edward Pearce to May Suter, on Feb. 7th.

Burial: Frederick Osadchuk, aged 25, R.I.P.

ALL SAINTS', HATTONFORD

Owing to deep snowdrifts the annual meeting for the election of church officers had to be postponed from Jan. 21st until Feb. 25th. A few hardy souls braved the cold and the snowdrifts on the 21st to worship in God's House and to receive God's blessing.

Mr. Henry Ford attended the Diocesan Synod as lay delegate.

PEMBINA DEANERY

Here is a thought for Lent, quoted from a recent book by Mr. C. S. Lewis: "It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird; it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you can't go on indefinitely being just an ordinary decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad."

DRAYTON VALLEY MISSION

MISS BARBARA ONIONS

At the annual meeting of the W.A. the following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. C. Anderson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. Tucker; Sec., Mrs. M. M. Hamilton; Treas., Mrs. E. Olney; Dorcas Sec., Mrs. I. Mastre; Educational Sec., Miss Onions.

The W.A. held a very enjoyable supper party at the Mission House in January. During the evening a gift was presented to Mrs. Peck from the congregation in appreciation of her faithful service at the organ.

Our annual parochial meeting was held in January. Mr. L. Miller was elected delegate to Synod. Members of the Men's Committee were elected as follows: Messrs. M. M. Hamilton, L. Miller, J. Tucker, C. Anderson, L. Williams, and E. Hines. Reports showed good progress throughout the year. The Envelope Sec. gave a very satisfactory report. He expressed the hope that subscribers will continue to give their support and that the number of subscribers will be increased this year, so that we shall again be able to meet our financial commitments.

On February 2nd we had a visit from the Rev. R. H. Loosemore, S.S.J.E., who came for the weekend on his way home from Vancouver. He celebrated at our monthly communion and held two mission services, on Sunday and Monday evening, and a children's service on Monday after-

noon. Unfortunately the severe cold prevented many people from attending the services, though several of our members who live some distance from the church braved the weather on Sunday morning.

We enjoyed Fr. Loosemore's visit very much and hope he will come again when the weather is better.

During Lent there will be a children's service every Wednesday after school, and a mission service at 8 p.m.

ST. MARY AND ST. GEORGE, JASPER

THE REV. T. C. B. BOON

THE WESTERN SIGNAL of Edson was so co-operative in publishing a full report of the annual meeting on January 20th that it does not seem necessary now to do more than put on record some of the chief items.

The reports of the year were very good. There was an increase of communicants (50) and more than 500 visitors had joined in the services during the tourist season. The Parish had raised its quota for the Anglican Advance Appeal, contributed \$100 to the Cathedral Building Fund; water and sewer connections had been made to the parish hall and the church (through the kindness of friends had been re-decorated inside and out. In his address the Vicar thanked the Wardens, Messrs. White and Coupland, for their assistance in reading the Lessons; Mr. J. B. Snape for his work as organist, and as his leadership in the Anglican Advance Campaign and Mr. W. J. Popey for his hours of work at the Church and Parish Hall.

The Church Officers for 1947 are: Vicar's Warden, Mr. E. White; People's Warden, Mr. W. Coupland; Vestry, Messrs. J. B. Snape, W. L. Wachter, F. A. Bryand, T. H. Morris, B. Edwards, J. M. Edenborough, F. F. Crowther, C. R. Hudson, F. A. McComas, and Mesdames W. J. Popey, M. L. Clark, G. E. Prowse. Delegates to Synod, Messrs. White and Wachter; Auditor, Mr. J. R. Heckley; Envelope Secretary, Miss Joan Robson.

After some discussion, respecting the financial side of the Church's work, Mesdames E. White, J. B. Snape, and M. L. Clark offered to canvass the Parish with a view to securing more envelope subscribers and increased subscriptions. They have been much handicapped in this work by bad weather but have made considerable progress.

During Epiphany, the Sunday School met in the Church and addresses were given to the children on our Missionary work in India, China and amongst the Eskimo by Miss Irene Play and the Vicar. We should like to thank Mrs. Heckley for so kindly coming on bitterly cold mornings to play the organ for us. The weather was so bad in the early part of February that Sunday School was abandoned for two Sundays.

February 2nd was a particularly bad morning but the E.B.W.A. members

rallied around for Corporate Communion. We should like to congratulate the members of the Choir on their fortitude and loyalty in turning out at both services. On this Sunday, we used the New Cathedral Psalter for the first time and it was quite successful.

The Cub Tea on February 1st was a great success and our congratulations and thanks are tendered to Mrs. J. Milner (Convenor), Mrs. C. R. Hudson, and the other members of the Parents' Committee whose hard work and enthusiasm was responsible for so happier time. The Cubs looked very smart in their uniforms and attended to the needs of their guests with skill and dexterity.

As we write, our application is on the way to Ottawa for permission to organize a Corvette Company of Sea Cadets in Jasper. 52 town boys have applied for enrollment and St. Mary's is fortunate in having a first class, experienced and enthusiastic instructor anxious to go ahead with the work. We wish Mr. F. F. Crowther and the Crew of the Iroquois happy sailings.

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We deeply regret to lose Mr. and Mrs. Ted White and family who are returning to Canmore, Alberta, to reside. We shall miss Mr. White in many ways, particularly in the Choir, at the Lecturn and in optimistic outlook. Mr. and Mrs. White and children, Marion, Sheila and Teddy have all been very faithful attendants and supporters of the Church and its organizations and their departure will be a real loss to the Parish. We wish them all happiness in their future life at Canmore.

Mr. W. L. Wachter was the only one of our delegates who was able to attend the Synod. Unfortunately, like the Vicar, he developed a bad cold whilst in Edmonton and his report has therefore been delayed. The Vestry met at the Vicarage on February 11th and did a very useful evening's work. Mr. F. A. McComas was elected Vestry Clerk.

The delegates to the W.A. Annuals in Edmonton were: Senior W.A. Mrs. Thos. Boon, Evening Branch W.A. Mrs. S. Tchir; Junior Superintendent, Mrs. M. L. Peterson. The reports brought back have still to be given. The delegates are very appreciative of the hospitality given to them whilst in Edmonton and wish to thank their hostesses for a very happy time.

ST. LUKE'S, MAYERTHORPE

THE REV. J. DICKER

The annual W.A. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. E. Holbrook, on January 16th. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. E. R. Keeley; Vice-President, Mrs. E. Holbrook; Secretary, Mrs. C. E. George; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Glazier.

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held on January 19th, 1947. Plans were discussed at some length for the construction of a parish hall here.

Delegate to the Diocesan Synod is Mr. Walter Martin, Vicar's Warden.

Services are held regularly at St. Luke's, Mayerthorpe, and at St. Saviour's, Greencourt, on alternate Sundays, also at Rochfort Bridge and Peavine when possible. It is with regret that we cannot reach the Peavine congregation at present owing to road conditions.

ST. JOHN'S, ONOWAY

CANON J. C. MATTHEWS

The annual parishioners' meeting was held on January 20th. Mr. J. W. Turnbull was appointed Rector's Warden; Mr. S. Kettle was elected People's Warden. Vestry: Mr. H. Galliford, Mr. C. Tooker, Mr. Reg. Atmitstead, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Dales, Mr. J. P. Mills, Miss E. Turnbull, Mrs. Reiner. Lay Delegate to Synod: Mr. S. Kettle, Mr. C. Tooker. Substitutes: Mr. H. Galliford, Mr. J. W. Turnbull. Secretary-Treasurer for the "Edmonton Churchman": Mr. S. Kettle. Envelope Secretary: Mrs. J. P. Mills.

Mr. J. W. Turnbull has been elected to the Diocesan Executive. Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Birkett, and Miss Turnbull attended the Annual W. A. in Edmonton.

The J.W.A. held a most successful Tea in the Parish Hall on February 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Fendrick of Fallis have had the misfortune to lose their first child, Nona Jorene. A service was held at Mr. Winter's home and the funeral service and burial at Rexborough Church cemetery, on February 5th.

During Lent there will be a service at Onoway each Wednesday at 8 p.m.

ALL SAINTS', SEBA BEACH

Our Church is far from apmplete, but we hope in time and as finances permit to be able to finish the task begun. We need furnishings and altar linen. At the last Vestry meeting it was arranged to

put a fence up around the Church just as soon as possible.

We are indebted to the Rev. Canon Hunt for giving us two services in November and the Rev. L. E. C. Frith, S.S.J.E., in December. We are looking forward to the time when we are able to have a resident priest in the Mission again; meanwhile we are happy to hear that the Rev. Canon Matthews of Onoway will give us services when possible.

The W.A. held their annual meeting on Thursday, January 9th, when the following were re-elected: Pres., Mrs. O. Lawrence; Vice-Pres., Mrs. R. Warren; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. G. Mann; Junior Supt., Mrs. A. Peterson; Dorcas Sec., Mrs. G. Clark, assisted by Mrs. Bunting; Educational Sec., Mrs. P. Cull.

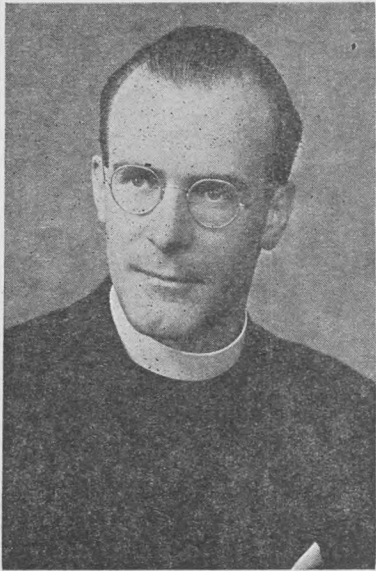
Mr. R. Warren was delegate to the Diocesan Synod, with Miss Camp, the Secretary of the Sunday School by Post, also attending.

Rural Deanery of Vermilion

INNISFREE

ST. MARK'S, BLACKFOOT

THE REV. W. J. BRANT



THE REV. V. P. COLE

During the winter just one service a month is being held here. The first Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. Owing to the extreme cold the service was cancelled here on Feb. 2nd. Next service March 2nd, at 3 p.m.

The W.A. meet the first Monday of each month. Plans are being made for a bazaar this fall; an Easter tea and a whist drive in the near future. We were glad to welcome a new member this month, Mrs. A. Tippy.

The W.A. has also again taken the responsibility of getting the subscribers for "The Churchman."

The congregation of this beautiful little church have the right to feel very proud of their church. The changes which have taken place in the last year are really wonderful, and shows that these people really care. Anyone who visited or attended the services in the previous year would hardly know it was the same St. Mark's. The whole congregation seem to have their whole faith in their Church, through this energy, it will be a beautiful church, not only the inside, but the grounds also. It is hardly fair to mention one name any more than another, but the writer would not be doing right if the name of C. H. Haight, the People's Warden, did not receive special mention.

It really shows what a body of people can do for the little district in which they live, if they work in co-operation. In this church all people of different denominations attend the services of this church. The few ladies they have doing the work are also very hard workers. These ladies also work for the Church of God, and are members of four different churches. They have a really good Sunday School. The teaching is done by Mr. and Mrs. Haight. It is not open throughout the winter, because many of the children come from the country, but the teachers send the Sunday School papers to them each week, bearing the whole expense themselves.

The last great contribution to the church are the ten pews just installed, and paid for by the work of the few ladies. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese visited this church on the 5th of January and he saw the wonderful change which had taken place since he first visited it a few years ago. Keep it up, Blackfoot!

KITSCOTY

On February 2nd it was our Sunday for church but as it was 30 degrees below zero with a north wind blowing and the church wasn't very warm, we all adjourned next door to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Potter, where we held a most enjoyable service. There were only ten of

us altogether but we thoroughly enjoyed our service.

On Feb. 13th we had our W.A. meeting, all were present but our president, whose husband has had an unfortunate accident, having been kicked by a horse. We soon despatched the business, and then enjoyed a dainty lunch served by our hostess, Mrs. Wright.

Rural Deanery of Wainwright

HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

THE REV. E. N. P. ORME

The annual meeting of the congregation was held on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 26th, after Evensong, at which the Junior Choir and a good congregation were present. Refreshments were served in the parish hall to the parishioners before the meeting. Excellent reports were presented by the Secretary; Mr. Bellamy, for the Vestry; that of the Senior W.A. by Mrs. T. Sutherland; and the Sunday School and Little Helpers' reports by Mrs. J. W. Robinson. All the financial statements were satisfactory and the reports showed that progress had been made in the various departments during the year. The Vicar thanked all for their efforts in connection with the church and vicarage. The election of officers resulted as follows: Mr. D. G. McCarthy was re-elected Vicar's Warden; Mr. W. F. H. Swinton was re-elected People's Warden; Vestry Clerk, Mr. W. Bellamy; Vestrymen included Messrs. J. W. Robinson, J. Secord (Sr.), W. Lancaster, T. Porter, G. Holmes, A. Swinton and F. S. Garford (Sr.).

The Rev. E. N. P. Orme and Mr. J. W. Robinson attended the seventeenth meeting of the Synod of the Diocese.

Mrs. E. N. P. Orme, Miss L. Baptist, Mrs. W. J. Bailey, Mrs. H. Barden and Mrs. J. W. Robinson attended the Thirty-third Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.A. was held at the vicarage on Feb. 6th. In spite of a very cold day nine were present. We were pleased to enroll Mrs. Norman Glover as a new member. A donation of five dollars was made towards hospital supplies. The W.A. pledges were to be paid and the Dorcas Work bill was to be paid when the amount was forthcoming.

Lenten services will start on Ash Wednesday, with Holy Communion at 10 a.m. and a service at 8 p.m., with topical reading. Everybody welcome. These mid-week Lenten services will be held every Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Time, date and place of church services are as follows:

Tofield—March 9th at 11 a.m., Holy Communion; March 23rd at 7.30 p.m., and March 30th at 7.30 p.m.

Viking—March 2nd at 11 a.m., Holy Communion; March 16th at 7.30 p.m.,

and March 30th at 11 a.m., Holy Communion.

Rodino—March 2nd at 3 p.m. and March 16th at 11 a.m., Holy Communion.

Kinsella—March 30th at 2.30 p.m.

Lindbrook—March 9th at 3 p.m., and March 23rd at 3 p.m.

ST. MATTHEW'S, VIKING

A very successful bridge party and whist drive was held in the parish hall on Saturday, Feb. 8th. A dainty lunch was served by members of the W.A.

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Meredith on February 13th. Mrs. Ed. Evans, Dorcas Sec., brought over some nice pieces of linen which several members took home to embroider for the sale of work next fall.

Arrangements were completed for the World Day of Prayer, to be held Friday afternoon, Feb. 21st.

The Rev. E. N. P. Orme announced that he would hold a service each Friday evening during Lent.

We were very pleased to see Jeff Smith at church, we have missed him so much during the months he has been down East with the Permanent Air Force and shall be sorry when he has to leave again.

RODINO

Owing to winter road conditions it was impossible to hold the annual parish meeting until 16th February. On this date every one made up for lost time and turned out in force both for the annual meeting and to witness the baptism of two cousins, Douglas Ian and David Thomas William Daniel.

The large congregation packed the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Revell. After the service a lunch was kindly served by the hosts, while preparation was made by the incumbent for the annual meeting.

The people of Rodino have been noted for some years for their loyalty and enthusiasm, in turning out for services, and in many parts of the Diocese today are to be found loyal churchmen and church-girls who were received into Christ's Church at Rodino. Under these conditions it was natural that this annual meeting

should prove enthusiastic, and that it should mark an important milestone in the history of this point, which has now organized itself as a separate mission, with wardens, vestry and its own financial responsibilities.

Mr. Harry Johnson was elected as People's Warden. Members of the Vestry include: Messrs. F. Nash, A. Becket, S. Daniel, I. Daniel, J. Johnson, W. Revell, L. Becket and H. Vandervaete. The Vicar's Warden is yet to be appointed.

It is felt many well-wishers will join in wishing every success to Rodino and God's richest blessing on their latest endeavour.

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IMMANUEL, WETASKIWIN

THE REV. J. S. BELL

The annual congregational meeting was held on January 24th, with a representative attendance. Reports presented showed all branches of the church in a flourishing condition and doing good work. The Treasurer's report showed the parish to be in a very healthy condition financially. Officers elected were: Rector's Warden, C. Crooks; People's Warden, Godfrey Baker; Vestry: Mrs. Cole (W.A.), Mrs. Macfarland (Jr. W.A.), Messrs. J. Grier-son, T. Palfrey, R. W. Manley, J. Hillam, P. Maggs, S. Cole, J. Blockridge, J. Beeston, E. Oswald, C. Payne.

It was a pleasure to see Mrs. H. J. Montgomery able to attend the meeting, after her recent illness. At the close of the meeting lunch was served by the W.A.

Mrs. P. Maggs, organist, together with members of the choir, accompanied Mr. Bell to Millet for a service on Jan. 5th. After the service the party were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hoskins.

The final service of the Universal Week of Prayer was held in Immanuel Church, with a large congregation present, the church being well filled. The Rev. R. D. Binning, of First United Church, Wetaskiwin, was guest preacher.

The Sunday School had their Christmas party in January and a jolly time was had.

Members of the A.Y.P.A. had an enjoyable sleighing party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Owen recently, and are loud in their praises of the kindness of their host and hostess.

The Rector, Col. Baker and Mr. T. Palfrey attended the recent Synod in Edmonton.

Confirmation classes are now being held each Wednesday at 4.15 p.m.

The W.A. Valentine Tea was held in the parish hall on Feb. 15th.

At the February Vestry meeting it was announced that shingles had been purchased and work on the rectory roof would be started as soon as possible.

Mr. J. Palfrey has been appointed a member of the Executive Committee of the Diocese.

John Hellam, president of the local A.Y.P.A., attended a recent meeting of the Provincial Council in Edmonton.

Col. Baker has been appointed substitute delegate to the Provincial Synod.

Holy Matrimony: Gwynneth Jones to Robt. Harrison.

Holy Baptism: Madolene Ann Hobarth, Warburg.

Lenten services will be held Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock.

PONOKA

THE REV. F. A. PEAKE

First of all we would like to tender our sincere congratulations and good wishes to the Rural Dean, the Rev. A. Wallis, upon his recent appointment as a Canon of the Cathedral Church.

The annual congregational meeting was held on January 21st and was extremely well attended. Encouraging reports were presented by all the organizations and it was unanimously decided at the meeting that our existing buildings were quite inadequate and that steps would have to be taken to rebuild or replace them as soon as the debt on the vicarage was cleared. Mr. C. W. Healing was re-appointed Vicar's Warden, and Mr. T. W. Hickmore re-elected People's Warden.

During the following week the members of the W.A. were glad to welcome Mrs. S. F. Tackaberry, Diocesan President of that organization. In the afternoon Mrs. Tackaberry conferred with the members of the afternoon branch and later in the day a meeting was held to organize an evening branch. Owing to the intense cold few were able to be present but a further meeting is being held shortly. Mrs. Steetch, Mrs. McMahon, and Mrs. Howell are at present attending the Diocesan Annual meetings of the W.A.

An adult study group has now been formed for the purpose of enabling church-folk better to understand the history and basic doctrines of that branch of the Catholic Church to which we belong. The manual, "An Outline of Christian Doctrine," prepared by the vicar, is available to anyone interested at a cost of 35c.

CAMROSE

CANON A. WALLIS

Congratulations to our Rector on being made a Canon. God bless him, and help him to go on from strength to strength!

At a morning service recently, instead of the sermon, we were interested to get gleanings of the Synod from our delegates. We heard a general outline of the sessions from Mr. Grafton, followed by Mr. McDonald speaking of the Anglican Advance Appeal, emphasizing the Spiritual future of the Advance. It made us think. We have to be jerked out of our shyness, unfurl our banners and encourage people to

come to Church; if they haven't one of their own, to come with us. And may God give us the grace to live joyously, understandingly, with a faith and courage that makes us shine, so that folks may see that our religion makes us friends.

Mr. Murrant then spoke to us of Kapasiwin. Only a few of us have ever attended the Camp. If you want to feel the essence of Christianity as Christ meant it to be, permeating every phase of fun and fellowship, go to Kapasiwin. It isn't only for the younger people, it's ageless. All the tight knots of monotony become loosened, and every visit fills the heart and mind with new treasures. The Camp needs improvements, give willingly!

Note—The Rector would like those who wish to be confirmed, to give in their names as soon as possible, please.

Easter is a time for Remembrance: one of the times when we should attend Holy Communion as a sacrament of triumphant and victorious living. "I gave My life for thee, what hast thou given for Me?"

Baptisms: "Jesus, the children are calling, O draw near." Melvin Edmund Anderson, Donna Mae Jager, Ross John Shuman.

Burial: Flora Belle Williams.

ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

We were pleased to learn recently that our Rector had been appointed a Canon.

Mr. J. G. Baker was the delegate to Synod from this parish.

The annual parish meeting was held after the service, Sunday, Jan. 26th. It was a matter of real thankfulness to everyone that all obligations had been met, even though this district was visited by a disastrous hail storm late last summer and crops were poor.

The Rector re-appointed C. T. C. Roper as his Warden, and the People's Warden, Sec.-Treasurer and Vestry were re-elected en bloc for the ensuing year. Canon Wallis in expressing his thanks to all for their co-operation and willingness to help in various ways, especially mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Baker, lay reader and organist respectively, who had given so generously of their time and talents.

Mrs. J. G. Baker and Mrs. C. T. C. Roper attended the Diocesan Annual meetings on the 11th, 12th and 13th of February, and will give their reports at the next meeting of the W.A., which will be a combined World Day of Prayer and W.A. meeting, at the home of Mrs. Geo. Butcher, February 21st.

Rest is to be ready for tomorrow rather than recover from today.

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Too many people have steel in their hearts and softness in their backbones. It ought to be the other way around.

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Even when you put your best foot forward don't push it out in the aisle.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUIZE

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1. Six. (Genesis 1: 31 and 2: 1; Exodus 20: 11.)
2. Sinai. (Exodus 19.)
3. Nathaniel. (John 1: 43-51.)
4. Ezra and Nehemiah. (See the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.)
5. Jesus. (Luke 2: 41-52.)
6. Deborah. (Judges 4: 4 to end.)
7. Lazarus. (John 11: 35.)
8. Roman Empire. (Acts 22: 25-29.)
9. Jonathan. (1st Sam. 18: 1-3.)
10. John the Baptist. (John 1: 19-28.)

"Two Bits" Goes to Church

- I am twenty-five cents.
 I am not on speaking terms with the butcher.
 I am too small to buy a quart of ice cream.
 I am not large enough to purchase a box of candy.
 I cannot be exchanged for a gallon of gasoline.
 I am too small to buy a ticket to the movies.
 I am hardly fit for a tip.
 But believe me, when I go to church
 I am considered some money!

People who get all burned up are not so hot.

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WHAT MISSIONARIES HAVE DONE

David Livingstone, called the Columbus of Africa travelled twenty-nine thousand miles in the interior of Africa, and added one million square miles, or one-twelfth of its area, to the known regions of the globe. He also discovered the Victoria Falls on the Zambesi, the greatest falls in the world. Livingstone said, "Cannot the love of Christ carry the missionary where the slave trade carries the trader?"

Missionaries introduces sorghum, African rubber and the silkworm into the Western world.

The jinrikisha without which Japan would hardly be Japan, and the foreign tourists would be in despair, was designed by Jonathan Joble, a missionary.

The best variety of wheat now sown throughout the South was sent over to Georgia by missionaries.

The most profitable pear crop in America originates as a cross between seedlings imported by missionaries from China.

The discovery of that practically unknown animal, the gorilla, was due to a missionary. In 1847, Richard Owen, the great comparative anatomist, first gave a scientific description of this strange animal.

Missionaries have translated the Bible into about seven-tenths of the world's speech.

One of the most useful drugs known to medical science is quinine, and it was discovered by Jesuit missionaries of South America.

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